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Letter dated 13 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letters addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations on 16 and 23 April 2007 (S/2007/215 and S/2007/232 respectively), as well as the note verbale dated 10 April 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations (A/61/848), and their annexes, I have the honour to state that the contents of the said documents regarding the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb are totally baseless and void of any legal value. The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the groundless claims of the United Arab Emirates regarding those Iranian islands and reiterates that the islands are integral and eternal parts of the Iranian territory.

The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to be of the view that constructive and positive negotiations between the Iranian Government and the relevant officials of the United Arab Emirates will lead to the expansion of bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields, and will help to remove any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja about the Iranian island of Abu-Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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